

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-24 (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:

at least one instant message originating client system, for accepting a correction to a previously sent instant message, determining whether a message correction of the previously sent instant message requires sending one of a complete corrected message and a message correction specification, and based on the determination of message correction of the previously sent message, sending from the at least one instant message originating client system to a an instant messaging server one of a complete corrected message and a message correction specification;

an instant messaging server, communicatively coupled to the at least one instant message originating client system, for receiving a message correction specification and a message identifier (ID) from the at least one originating client system, and sending the message correction specification and the message ID to the recipient client system; and

at least one instant message recipient client system, communicatively coupled to the instant messaging server, for receiving a message correction specification and a message identifier (ID) from the instant messaging server, retrieving a message with a corresponding message ID from a conversation log, correcting the retrieved message, updating the conversation log with the corrected message, and activating an alert to notify a user of the at least one instant message recipient client system of an update to the conversation log.

26. (Original) The system of claim 25, wherein the message correction specification comprises at least one text replacement specification.

27. (Original) The system of claim 26, wherein the text replacement specification comprises:

- a start character index;
- an end character index; and
- insertion text.

Claims 28-39 (Canceled)

40. (New) A method of instant messaging, the method comprising:

- accepting, with at least one instant message originating client system, a correction to a previously sent instant message;

- determining, with the least one instant message originating client system, whether a message correction of the previously sent instant message requires sending one of a complete corrected message and a message correction specification;

- sending, with the least one instant message originating client system, to an instant messaging server one of a complete corrected message and a message correction specification in response to determining the message correction of the previously sent message; and

- receiving, with an instant messaging server, a message correction specification and a message identifier (ID) from the at least one originating client system;

- sending, with the instant messaging server, the message correction specification and the message ID to a recipient client system; and

- receiving, with at least one instant message recipient client system, a message correction specification and a message identifier (ID) from the instant messaging server;

- retrieving, with the least one instant message recipient client system, a message with a corresponding message ID from a conversation log;

- correcting, with the least one instant message recipient client system, the retrieved message;

- updating, with the least one instant message recipient client system, the conversation log with the corrected message; and

- activating, with the least one instant message recipient client system, an alert to notify a user of the at least one instant message recipient client system of an update to the conversation log.

41. (New) The method of claim 40, wherein the message correction specification comprises at least one text replacement specification.

42. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the text replacement specification comprises:

- a start character index;
- an end character index; and
- insertion text.

43. (New) A computer readable medium for instant messaging, the computer readable medium comprising instructions for:

- accepting, with at least one instant message originating client system, a correction to a previously sent instant message;

- determining, with the least one instant message originating client system, whether a message correction of the previously sent instant message requires sending one of a complete corrected message and a message correction specification;

- sending, with the least one instant message originating client system, to an instant messaging server one of a complete corrected message and a message correction specification in response to determining the message correction of the previously sent message; and

- receiving, with an instant messaging server, a message correction specification and a message identifier (ID) from the at least one originating client system;

- sending, with the instant messaging server, the message correction specification and the message ID to a recipient client system; and

- receiving, with at least one instant message recipient client system, a message correction specification and a message identifier (ID) from the instant messaging server;

- retrieving, with the least one instant message recipient client system, a message with a corresponding message ID from a conversation log;

- correcting, with the least one instant message recipient client system, the retrieved message;

- updating, with the least one instant message recipient client system, the conversation log with the corrected message; and

- activating, with the least one instant message recipient client system, an alert to notify a user of the at least one instant message recipient client system of an update to the conversation log.

44. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 43, wherein the message correction specification comprises at least one text replacement specification.

45. (New) The computer readable medium of claim 44, wherein the text replacement specification

comprises:

- a start character index;
- an end character index; and
- insertion text.